

# DEMOCRATS WILL GIVE TAFT SUPPORT

Picture Taken at White Sulphur of Prominent Men Who Will Vote for Him

## MAKES SHORT SPEECH AT THE HORSE SHOW

Expresses His Appreciation of  
Hospitality Shown Him and  
Mrs. Taft, and Commends  
the Enterprise—Minis-  
ter Gude Left His  
Dress Suit.

W. VA., August 8.—A notable feature of Mr. Taft's visit to this place, was the taking of a platform of prominent Democrats who have declared that they will vote for him. Included in the picture are Colonel Paul Haskell, of Savannah, Ga., a planter; J. R. Thomas, a coal operator, of Charleston, W. Va.; Eben Johnson, a capitalist, of New York; and Francis W. Merrill, of New York. Also in the picture, a merchant of Louisville, Ky.; R. M. Bryan, a physician, of Richmond, Va.; John Curry, a capitalist, of Richmond; John P. Branch, of Richmond; and John C. H. Williams, of Jacksonville, Fla. White, president of the National Railway, Frederickburg and Potomac Railroad; Dr. Holt, a physician, of Surrey; John D. Potts, general passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, of Richmond; John Middleton, of Charlestown; John Simmonds, of Charlestown, and Nelson Campbell, of Charlottesville, Va., are

Word also came to Mr. Taft to-day that General C. C. Watts, of West Virginia, who ran for Governor of the State with Mr. Bryan in 1896, is

very much dissatisfied with the Bryan movement in the Democracy, and that he has a strong personal liking for Mr. Taft. The general made a little speech at the Greenbrier County Horse Show.

in which he complimented the candidate highly, but carefully refrained from introducing anything of a political nature. Some of Watts's friends believe he will vote for Taft.

**The Bays Get Ribbon.**  
The Bay horses, which pulled the Taft party over the last leg of the 40-mile trip from Hot Springs, were awarded a blue ribbon and a silver cup in the four-in-hand event at the horse show to-day. The candidate was present when the award was made, and he was tickled.

The West Virginians made good to-day in a way that wined out altogether.

The unpleasant impression made by the first day's reception of the candidate. They started in at 11 o'clock in the morning with a reception in the famous old parlor in the hotel, where Grant and Leo and other prominent men of Civil War days have held receptions.

Fully 1,000 persons passed by the candidate and shook hands. Each was introduced by Mrs. James H. Gaines, wife of the Congressman of this district. She is a real politician. Hardly

face escaped her memory, and she did not make a lot of votes for her husband the voters themselves thought to beg her pardon.

Mrs. Taft also was presented to the West Virginians and went through the hour-long handshaking ordeal.

Senator Scott and Mrs. Scott also stood in line and received, as did also W. Cameron Forbes, vice-governor of the Philippines, and Bishop Bashford, head of the Methodist Church in China.

**Cheered at Horse Show.**

The reception for the candidate at the horse show in the afternoon also was in marked contrast to that of yesterday. The crowd sent up a hearty cheer when his brake appeared on the field, and there was some real campaign enthusiasm later on when General Watts stepped out on the track in front of Mr. Taft's box and made a speech. The general said he regarded very highly the privilege of introducing Mrs. Taft.

"He is a man," said he, "not only famous in his own country, but equally famous in every land in the world." The general thanked Mr. Taft for coming over to the horse show, and said that they appreciated that the enterprise had been encouraged by his presence.

The candidate got another round of

cheers when he arose in his box. He reminded the crowd that the committee from the horse show association had promised him when he concluded to come that he would not be called

to come that he would not be called on for a speech. "I entered into a bond with the committee," said Mr. Taft, "and I think I shall begin suit for damages. I wish, however, to thank you both for myself and Mrs. Taft for your hospitality."

He complimented them on the success of the horse show, and said that its inauguration was sure to improve the breed of horses in the community. He was accorded another demonstration when he sat down.

**Policeman Clubs Mountaineer.**

Some West Virginia amities were exchanged between the local policemen and a mountaineer in the hotel this morning almost in sight of the candidate.

The policeman ordered the mountaineer to leave the hotel and he refused; the policeman drew his club and cracked the man twice over the head, cutting the scalp badly and covering his face with blood. Burr McIntosh rushed in between the two men and prevented further damage. The injured man left swearing that he

Guests at the hotel here have been wondering to-day why Minister Gude, of Norway, and his wife did not attend the ball last night. A story was going around that the minister refused to attend because he did not think his wife was good enough to go, unless he

sovereign would be pleased unless he led the german. The West Virginians had made arrangements, however, to have Mr. and Mrs. Taft lead the grand march, and apparently the question of precedence between a presidential candidate and foreign minister was settled at the ball.

The minister told his friends to-day that the reason he did not attend the